LEVEL LEADER’S WELCOME

Welcome to Term Two of the school year. Term One passed so quickly and it has bought all of the teachers in Level Three great joy getting to know the children. In Term One we were a part of a highly effective teaching and learning program, which saw our children develop their literacy and numeracy skills whilst learning about their local community. And different communities around the world. If you have not had the opportunity I encourage you to walk through the Level Three building at some stage and see the students learning about the community, which is reflected by posters on different communities around the world, people in the community who help us and maps of our local Glen Waverley community and its features.

This term will see more exciting learning opportunities, both inside and outside the walls of our school classroom. In particular our planned excursion to CERES later in the Term which will have cross-curricular links with our science unit on plants. And Through our science unit we will be conducting different experiments which will overlap into other areas of our curriculum such as literacy and numeracy., which will allow our students to make connections with what they are learning at school and the real word.

Another exciting element to our Level this term is the incorporation of Multimedia in the curriculum, overseen by Mr. Roland Lewis. As a part of this our students will be given the opportunity to create a time lapse on the growth of a been seed into a plant and document many of the changes along the way.
In addition to this we will also be making news reports from our persuasive writing pieces and filming them using iPads.

In 2016 the school is in the unique position of employing Targeted Student Learning staff. The Targeted Student Learning Staff member in Level Three is Mrs Marion Barnes. Mrs Barnes role is to work with all children across Level Three based on individual needs. This is an exciting program which is not offered in other schools and again demonstrates Glen Waverley Primary School’s strong initiative and dedication to student learning. At times Mrs Barnes may withdraw children from class to work with them in smaller group sizes for a more targeted teaching and learning experience for the children.

Finally, it must not be forgotten that our dedicated staff are writing reports for their classes this term. Each report aims to celebrate the leaning of the individual child and will be sent home on the Monday of the final week of Term 2. This will be followed by the Student Led Conferences late in the term, where your child will have the chance to share their learning with you, (where I have no doubt you will be very impressed!).

We thanks all of our parents for the continued support that they show our staff and are looking forward to another highly productive term.

Greg Edwards  
LEVEL THREE TEACHING AND LEARNING LEADER  
The Glen Waverley Primary School Science Fair is to be held this term, during Week 9. It will be an exciting event for all students as it provides everyone with the opportunity to follow their passion and investigate an area of science that compliments their interests!

Shortly the students will receive details about the requirements relating to the task. During Week 9, students will be able to show off their learning and hard work to the whole school community and each class will be on display. Details regarding Education Week will be announced shortly
Years 3-6 Fun Run

The annual school Fun Run is an event that will be held on the 18th of May. The level three students have been very excited and have been practising for this in their physical education lessons. Parents and families are more than welcome to join us. Further details will be distributed closer to the date.

2016 NAPLAN

As many of you may be aware, NAPLAN (The National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy) is fast approaching us. The children have been preparing for this through their usual Literacy and Numeracy program at school.

There are four separate test sittings that take place for the NAPLAN. These include Reading, Writing, Language Conventions, and Numeracy. They will all be held during the same week over a four day period. This will be on the week beginning on the 9th of May.

Further information will be provided to parents in the coming weeks.

You may also visit http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html for further information about the tests.

2016 ICAS

For those of you who have entered and paid for your child to participate in the UNSW Competitions these are the dates for this term.

Tuesday 17th May Digital Technologies

Tuesday 14th June Writing

Wednesday 15th June

You can access practice assessments at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/prepartion

Science, Mathematics and Reading will be sat in Term 3
Year Three Excursion

To support our Science Unit, ‘Plants In Action,’ students in Year Three will be attending an excursion to CERES Community Environment Park. This will take place on June 3rd 2016. This excursion will allow students to see first hand, the role that plants, and soil play in our environment. While at CERES, students will participate in the following four activities:

- Healthy Soils
- Sustainable Gardening
- Worms and Mini-beasts
- Papermaking

Students should be at school **no later than 9:00am** to ensure the bus leaves on time. Please make sure that students have with them, their hat, drink bottle, rain jacket and lunch, all clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Updated Food Policy

Recently, our school has made an adjustment to the food policy. This is due to the amount of rubbish we found in our school yard, as well as the important issue surrounding allergies. As a result, **students will no longer be allowed to eat their recess snacks or lunch in the play ground.** Teachers are currently giving students more time to eat in the classroom so to maximise student eating time and minimise the amount of rubbish in our school yard. This action will also greatly reduce risks of a food related allergen spread. If you require more information, your child’s classroom teacher will gladly answer your questions surrounding this policy update.

A great idea is to send your child to school with ‘nude food.’ Here is a link to a video which has some great ideas for providing ‘nude foods’: